

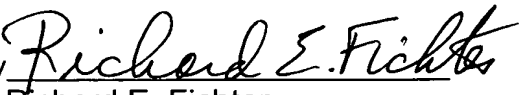
**REMARKS**

Applicant submits herewith an English translation of the PCT application which was filed in Japanese. The specification and drawings have been amended to more particularly define the invention. New drawing pages are submitted herewith and found at the end of this paper marked "Replacement Sheet" and "New" for Figure 25. Applicant has amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicant has canceled claims 5-6 without prejudice or disclaimer and added new claims 7-13 to the application. Applicant retains the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application.

Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (JP 2004-326946, filed November 10, 2004) will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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